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FOR EMBASSY CAPETOWN

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SUBJ: N'KOMO SEES THE SHAH

1. JOSHUA N'KOMO STOPPED BY TEHRAN ON A QUICK TWO-DAY VISIT AND HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH APRIL 26. BRITISH EMBASSY HAD BEEN FOREWARNED OF THE VISIT AND INSTRUCTED TO TELL IRANIANS THAT N'KOMO MAY EXAGGERATE THE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT (OR IN EFFECT UNDERPLAY DEGREE OF DISAGREEMENT) ON US-UK PROPOSALS. BRITISH FEEL N'KOMO-MUGABE BUDGED VERY LITTLE IN THEIR POSITIONS, WHICH JUSTIFIES BELIEF CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES STILL REMAIN BEFORE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT. BRITISH GOT WORD OF THIS TO IRANIANS JUST IN TIME PRIOR TO VISIT.

2. IRANIAN FEEDBACK TO BRITISH AFTER VISIT WAS THAT N'KOMO, OF COURSE, WANTED MONEY. SHAH ASKED HIM ABOUT MUGABE'S
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REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT ZIMBABWE WOULD BECOME A ONE-PARTY MARXIST STATE. N'KOMO DISSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM MUGABE. SHAH ASKED IF N'KOMO COULD NOT MOVE TO ACCOMMODATE HIMSELF MORE TO THE OTHERS CONCERNED. N'KOMO SAID THAT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. SHAH SAID HE WOULD THINK ABOUT N'KOMO'S REQUEST FOR MONEY. THAT IS THE EXTENT OF INFORMATION BRITISH EMBASSY TELLS US IT HAS.

3. OUR IRANIAN MFA CONTACTS ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH
EXACT DETAILS OF THE VISIT BUT HAVE STEERED US TO A LONG
INTERVIEW WITH N'KOMO PUBLISHED IN PERSIAN LANGUAGE KAYHAN
MAY 3 ON WHICH WE SHALL REPORT WHEN WE HAVE ANALYSED IT.
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